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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Bill Hillman had lunch with me today at the Army-Navy Club following a briefing that he had at the White House given by Pierre Salinger, covering the forthcoming visit and overnight stay of President and Mrs. Truman at the White House.
3. Mr. Truman told Hillman that he has two points he wants to stress to the President during their informal talks:
 - (1) That a great mistake has been made in changing the leadership of the CIA and it is not too late to take corrective action. He, Truman, thinks it's a Goddam shame" to make a change at this time. He believes that the Country would benefit if Mr. Dulles were to continue for another year and some other spot found for Mr. McCone.
 - (2) That the President should stop trying to follow public opinion as expressed by the Press and by the young men who surround him, all of whom are "inexperienced in politics;" he should lead the Press by making up his own mind as to what is best for America, and then fighting it through.

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